

Colt Andrews Construction Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2008

Colt School Worksite

Present

Subcommittee: Marjorie McBride, Paul Brule, David Dugan and Paul Silva

School Committee: William Estrella and John Saviano

District Administration: Edward Mara, Melinda Thies, Jane Correia, Paul Morris and George Simmons

Construction/Project Administrators: James Farrar, Christopher Daly, Armand Lusi, Kevin Thibodeau, Ronald Santospago and Scott Lindemann

Marjorie McBride called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

MOTION: Paul Brule, at 6:16 PM, motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss contract issues. Marjorie McBride seconded. The motion failed by a vote of 2 to 2 with David Dugan and Paul Silva voting no. Paul Silva felt this Subcommittee does not have the purview to discuss contracts and does not agree an Executive Session is necessary. Marjorie McBride asked for a motion to

adjourn.

MOTION: Paul Brule motioned to adjourn at 6:17 PM. Marjorie McBride seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Marjorie McBride announced she, Paul Brule and Bill Estrella would then be meeting privately with the contractor for discussion; Paul Silva challenged her actions. Marjorie stated she is not willing to risk disclosing to subcontractors issues under discussion with the builder. She said she meets with the contractor regularly on Wednesdays and there are no hidden agendas. John Saviano asked if Marjorie was qualified to discuss contracts; Marjorie defended her stance saying she has been part of more project meetings than anyone.

Marjorie McBride then caucused with William Estrella.

At 6:25 PM Marjorie reconvened the meeting.

Project Update

Project Manager Jim Farrar reported that Luis Torrado was absent from today's job meeting because of illness. The schedule remains extremely tight; we have come through most of the critical items; Lusi's crew is working overtime. Some of the long lead time items have arrived. Extreme efforts are being made to meet the planned opening of school. The only remaining issues are testing. The 60

hour battery test at Andrews is underway. Pre-testing with the Fire Marshal has been scheduled. They would like to hold off on the Fire Marshal's final inspection as long as possible to allow the army of trade workers to complete the project. On time completion will require the cooperation of all parties involved, as well as local officials. Armand Lusi has a list of items that will not be complete on the day school opens. Bob Winsor has confirmed with Town Boards that the unfinished auditorium will not be an issue; however, all life safety systems will be in place. Smoke detectors are temporarily replaced with heat detectors. Ron Santospago said that work will continue on the auditorium after the start of school; he reiterated that the project will be ready for opening day provided there is cooperation.

Paul Brule questioned the installation of the outside railings; Armand Lusi said they will be in place for the opening of school. Paul was comfortable with the progress at Andrews.

Jim Farrar said some of the remaining issues are out of their control, such as the Fire Marshal inspections and it is critical that the gas company come on Friday, as they have promised; telephone service needs to be supplied to the elevator. Bill Estrella reviewed the inspection process and said Jan Malik has been helpful; the remaining issues are not dependent on any School Committee action.

Paul Brule asked for assurance that the school will be open on time. Marjorie McBride curtailed any further discussion on this issue saying it was contract in nature and some School Committee members refrained from attending this meeting because of meeting rules for Executive Session. John Saviano requested a list of items that will not be complete be sent to each School Committee member. Marjorie said that discussion will take place at the Bond Project Meeting on August 18 at 6:00 PM; the list will be distributed at the meeting. John Saviano protested; Marjorie was not moved.

Change Orders

Jim Farrar said there were no change orders for discussion.

Adjournment

MOTION: Paul Brule motioned to adjourn at 6:41 PM; David Dugan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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